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THE GPS LUNCHEON MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2016

AT THE

GARDEN GROVE ELKS LODGE

LOCATED AT 11551 TRASK Ave., GARDEN GROVE

Hangar doors open at 1130, Luncheon is at 1200, secure at 1330.

Please make reservations before 9 PM on Monday 7 March 2016

COST IS \$15.00. FOR RESERVATIONS Please E-mail

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About our speaker's topic:



AN AIR FORCE PILOT TRANSITIONS TO NAVAL AIR

About our speaker:

COL CLIFF TATUM
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RET)



Cliff is a lifelong and current aviator with a 24-year career as a military fighter pilot, in both the Air Force and carrier Navy, followed by 14 years as an Alaska Airlines captain. He then flew charter jets worldwide to destinations in forty-five countries. His total flight time is in excess of 19,000 hours and his combat military decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguish Flying Cross and the Purple Heart. Cliff's formal education includes a BBA, an MS in Counseling Psychology and completion of the Program for Manager Development, Harvard Graduate Business School. He claims that his hobbies are "being at home", sailing and flying his single seat Mooney aircraft from Torrance Airport.

About our February luncheon:



AN OVERALL VIEW OF TODAY'S NAVY

By Dick Fields
GPS PAO

Gramps was well informed by Adm. Sandy Adams' presentation on the status of today's Navy. Admiral Adams is a recently retired Navy officer with extensive experience and exposure to the facts of today's naval resources and activities. She told us of the fact that there are 272 ships in the Navy of which roughly 52% are underway. The remainder are either being serviced or on standby. Another interesting fact is that there are more combat aircraft in the Navy and Marine corps than in any other branch of our military.

She told of the coming of the F-35 as perhaps the last manned aircraft in the Navy. She views this as a good thing because it eliminates the risk of death and/or capture of flight crews.

She described her experience as one of the first female officers assigned to sea duty. She had good words for the crews she served with since she was judged entirely on her performance without any gender bias. In discussion of the place of women in the service, she revealed that only about 25% of the persons of appropriate age are actually eligible for service due to many kinds of disqualifications based on behavior, etc., thus the military has fewer recruits to choose from than would seem to be available. Such things as criminal records contribute to the disqualification.

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READY TO DEFEND AMERICA AT ALL TIMES



NATO is an important factor in our Navy's deployment. There are 46 countries on base in NATO. Afghanistan is a very important site at this time. The Mediterranean and Indian Ocean are important with all the activity of ISIL in the region. The Navy provides one third of all the airstrikes in Afghanistan.

North Korea remains an increasing threat and China is continually advancing. Only the Navy has the ability to operate all over the world.



Global trade is critical to our economy: it is responsible for 25% of our jobs and \$160 Billion in California. As a result of potential global choke points, our Navy has increased its deployment to protect such points. We have increased from 50 to 58 ships for this purpose. Along with this is practice maneuvers with other countries such as

South Korea.

New designs are in the works. The U.S.S. America is a new design that uses entirely non-fossil fuel and has markedly improved efficiency using bio fuel. A civilian group called the Military Sea Lift is doing very well in providing mid ocean refueling under way. Other new innovations are the use of laser weapons that cost only 25 cents per round fired and electromagnetic weapons that cost only 85 cents per round.

Admiral Adams conclusion is that we have the best Navy in the world. We thank her for her service and for her very positive presentation about our Navy. More on page 4.



Gramps' C.O. Tim Brown thanks Adm Sandy Adams



C.O.'s COLUMN

Tim Brown

I want to remind everyone of the need to recruit new members for ANA and Gramps. The support of our members and guests by attending our luncheons is a large part of our revenue stream and the comradery that is a major part of Gramps. We also appreciate everyone's participation in the 50/50 and the donations that we receive on a pretty regular basis. Thanks to all, but don't forget to bring your friends and relatives to the meetings.



50/50 winner Art Brown and Dolores Hardy who called his ticket number.

Also, don't forget that we need more folks to step up and volunteer for staff positions. It is particularly difficult during tax season when I am pretty much overwhelmed. By the way, there are more phone and email scams out there this year. Just know that the IRS will never call you and threaten to sue you and demand payment, now! These are scams, do not get fooled.

Having made my business points I want to tell you how much I appreciate our members. Recently I have had the opportunity to get to know Walt Smith. Never did I know that he was a test pilot for

many years. And great stories he can tell! That being said, I was also reminded of an earlier period in Gramps' history when we had many more speakers from our membership. One such speaker was LtCol Don Tooker, USMC, who wrote a couple of books including, "The Second Luckiest Pilot: Adventures in Military Aviation" (Naval Institute Press).

Recently I received my copy of "Fly-By" the newsletter published by Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. At page 6 of the Winter 2015 issue, there is a small article about Cliff Judkins, a retired Marine aviator who was the subject of one of Don's stories in his book. Cliff recently spoke at a recent Museum function. Years ago Cliff showed up at the end of Don's presentation to Gramp's to emphasize the fact that he is still alive.



Here is an excerpt from a review of Don's book to close my column: "Flying, particularly military flying, is a dangerous profession in which Lady Luck teaches over and over that unpredictable factors can kill the best and the worst pilots with terrible impartiality," said Tooker. But as his book's title indicates, Tooker wasn't the luckiest pilot in the world with his one-in-a-million rescue in the Pacific. Even luckier was his squadron mate, 1st Lt. Cliff Judkins, who also experienced a flameout while refueling at almost the exact same spot as Tooker's incident. Only in Judkins' case, his ejection seat didn't work and he had to bail out. Then his parachute failed. And, with only his tiny pilot chute, which is designed to help open the main chute, he fell 15,000 feet, hitting the ocean at what was estimated to be at least 115 mph.

Judkins, according to Tooker, fell farther without an unopened parachute than anyone in aviation history--and lived to tell the tale. The fillings in his teeth were knocked out upon impact and had his spleen not been removed years earlier, it would almost certainly have ruptured and he'd have bled to death internally.

Good story. Good memories of a great member of Gramps. Thank you all.



MEMBERSHIP

BY Fran Pieri

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 10th. I will be back from vacation before then and will be at my table. I would like to mention again that ANA has again offered a free life membership to anyone 90yrs young and older. If any of you are eligible for this free offer, just pull up the Op Plan on

line and apply. Or, fill out a membership form and send it in to ANA Headquarters. We still need new members for the Gramps Squadron, so ask around. Remember, carpooling is a must for those of us who cannot drive. For some of us, the luncheon is the only time we get out to visit with friends. Anyway, ask around to some of your friends or neighbors.

PLANES OF FAME

By Fran Pieri

The first Saturday of every month is EVENT DAY. So, Saturday April 2, the museum will have a "Living History Flying Day" featuring the: North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber. Hanger doors open at 0900, seminar at 1000. Come early to get a good seat and take some photos of some of the airplanes you may have flown in the past. I'm there every Saturday in the restoration hanger, restoring the P-59, America's first jet airplane. The museum also has a very large library full of books and magazines of vintage aircraft. If you have any books or articles of aviation either past or present, please bring them and donate them to the library. Everything is appreciated. See you there! FRAN

The GREAT GUYS

Here are some of the Great Guys who have made contributions to Gramps in February. These guys and the members who attend the monthly luncheons are the ones who make possible Gramps' Sailor of the Quarter program and the Mailing of the OP-Plan. Gramps and his staff thank them all and hope to see your name here. Members who do not attend the monthly luncheons should consider a contribution to cover the monthly 61 cent cost for each OP-Plan mailed to you. You can save Gramps money by getting the OP-Plan via email. Just email me at hmcddonnelz@yahoo.com to change to email.

**ART BROWN, TIMOTHY BROWN,
VINCE VAN DEN BRINK, ERIC FRANZEN,
DOC HILTON, and BOB OLDS
TO COMMEMORATE HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY
ROBERT CHRISTIANS
DONATED \$100 TO GRAMPS. THANKS, BOB, AND
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



From the
CHAPLAIN

Bill Thompson

**CONTINUE TO
PRAY
FOR OUR NATION**

1492--In the only book that Christopher Columbus wrote---"Book of Prophecies"---he said he could not have reached the shores of America without prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit: "It was the Lord who put it into my mind...I could feel His hand upon me...the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies...All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me...There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit...I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics, or maps...No one should fear to undertake a task in the name of our Savior if it is just and the intention is purely for His service." 1620--The nation was settled by people of prayer who followed God to a place where they could worship freely without the restrictive nature of the Church of England at that time. This faith in God led them to leave all

that was familiar to them and risk their lives traveling to an unknown land to be free to live and worship as God led them. Those 102 passengers, as they stepped into their boats, had prayer together. The first thing they did, when they stepped off the boats at Cape Cod was to pray. During the brutal first winter, the surviving members continued to pray.

Today--As we read the early history of our nation we see that every important event, including the writing and adoption of our Constitution, was founded upon faith in God and fervent prayer. Is there ever a time when we should abandon our faith in God and our own personal prayer? As I pray for you and myself, I encourage you to resolve to PRAY FOR OUR NATION...and to pray for each other daily. Let everyone say...AMEN!!

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OUR BLUE WATER PLANET



* 70% Water, 80% people, 90% Trade ** 100% On Watch ** 375,000 A/R sailors, over 200,000 Navy civilians ** On watch 24/7 ** Around the clock, far from our shores, defending America at all times. ** Navy has great ships, submarines, and aircraft....but a billion dollar warship is nothing without its crew. ** PICTURED: guided-missile frigate USS Simpson (FFG 56) conducting Amphibious Ready Group and Marine Expeditionary Unit exercises. ** Last FFG deployment in 2015. Making room for latest technology.

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AROUND THE WORLD, AROUND THE CLOCK



SEABEES, SEALs: Small, but critical. SC Special Warfare Operator Edward Byers...MOH *3700 aircraft...evolution of unmanned aircraft. F35 coming to the fleet. First Atlantic crossing last year. Last manned aircraft? *Critical arm of the Navy's power projection ashore. *Submarines...Women on subs *

TOP LEFT: Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility * BOTTOM LEFT: F/A-18C Hornet assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 87 on USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). *BOTTOM RIGHT: The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) after completion of its six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

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PROMOTING STABILITY AND TRUST



*Our collective actions with our partners is critical to promote stability and trust. ROK Navy and Japan MSDF have participated with us in ballistic missile launch exercises off of Hawaii. These unprecedented exercises with our partners make us better at working together in real world operations and solidifying the Navy can be there when it's needed. *July 2014, Rim of the Pacific Exercise with 22 other countries. *Top Right: An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter operates near USNS Mercy and the People's Republic of China medical ship Peace Ark during a close formation of 42 ships and submarines from 15 international partner nations during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014. *Top Left: Sailors both assigned to Beachmaster Unit, with signaling a landing craft air cushion (LCAC) assigned to Assault Craft Unit (ACU) as it arrives at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows *CENTER: Explosive ordnance disposal technicians from the U.S. and Republic of Korea perform a maritime improvised explosive device (IED) familiarization dive



*272 Ships/Subs, 52% underway at any time *Sailors on Land, EOD,